

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A semiconductor device, comprising:
  - a gate electrode;
  - an insulating layer on the gate electrode;
  - 10 a first electrode on the insulating layer;
  - a second electrode on the insulating layer
  - at an interval with the first electrode;
  - an organic semiconductor layer disposed in
  - the interval between the first electrode and the second
  - 15 electrode and covering at least part of the first
  - electrode and the second electrode; and
  - a first resistance layer formed on the
  - organic semiconductor layer and having an electrical
  - resistance lower than an electrical resistance of the
  - 20 organic semiconductor layer.

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2. The semiconductor device as claimed in

claim 1, wherein both a distance from the first  
electrode to the first resistance layer and a distance  
from the second electrode to the first resistance layer  
are shorter than the interval between the first  
5 electrode and the second electrode.

10 3. The semiconductor device as claimed in  
claim 1, wherein one of the first electrode and the  
second electrode is in contact with the first  
resistance layer.

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4. The semiconductor device as claimed in  
claim 1, further comprising a second resistance layer  
20 formed at least at one of the position between the  
first resistance layer and the organic semiconductor  
layer, the position between the first electrode and the  
organic semiconductor layer, and the position between  
the second electrode and the organic semiconductor  
25 layer,

wherein the second resistance layer has an electrical resistance so that carriers in the organic semiconductor layer are allowed to tunnel through the second resistance layer when a voltage of a  
5 predetermined value or more than the predetermined value is applied across the second resistance layer.

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5. The semiconductor device as claimed in claim 1, wherein

at least one of the first electrode, the second electrode and the first resistance layer is in  
15 contact with the organic semiconductor layer; and

an interface between one of the first electrode, the second electrode and the first resistance layer rectifies an electrical current therethrough.

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6. The semiconductor device as claimed in  
25 claim 1, wherein the first resistance layer is formed

to be one of a plate shape, an inter-digital shape, a grating shape, and a disk shape.

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7. The semiconductor device as claimed in claim 1, wherein a substrate is beneath the gate electrode.

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8. A semiconductor device, comprising:

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a first electrode;

a second electrode at an interval with the first electrode;

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an organic semiconductor layer disposed in the interval between the first electrode and the second electrode and covering at least part of the first electrode and the second electrode;

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a first resistance layer formed on the organic semiconductor layer and having an electrical resistance lower than an electrical resistance of the organic semiconductor layer;

an insulating layer on the first resistance layer; and

a gate electrode on the insulating layer.

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9. The semiconductor device as claimed in claim 8, further comprising a second resistance layer  
10 formed at least at one of the position between the first resistance layer and the organic semiconductor layer, the position between the first electrode and the organic semiconductor layer, and the position between the second electrode and the organic semiconductor  
15 layer,

wherein the second resistance layer has an electrical resistance so that carriers in the organic semiconductor layer are allowed to tunnel through the second resistance layer when a voltage of a  
20 predetermined value or more than the predetermined value is applied across the second resistance layer.

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10. The semiconductor device as claimed in claim 8, wherein a substrate is beneath the first electrode, the second electrode and the organic semiconductor layer.

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11. A semiconductor device, comprising:
- 10        an organic semiconductor layer;
- a first resistance layer beneath the organic semiconductor layer and having an electrical resistance lower than an electrical resistance of the organic semiconductor layer;
- 15        a first electrode on the organic semiconductor layer;
- a second electrode on the organic semiconductor layer at an interval with the first electrode;
- 20        an insulating layer disposed in the interval between the first electrode and the second electrode and covering the first electrode and the second electrode; and
- a gate electrode on the insulating layer,
- 25        wherein the first resistance layer has an

electrical resistance lower than that of the organic semiconductor layer.

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12. The semiconductor device as claimed in claim 11, further comprising a second resistance layer formed at least at one of the position between the first resistance layer and the organic semiconductor layer, the position between the first electrode and the organic semiconductor layer, and the position between the second electrode and the organic semiconductor layer,

15 wherein the second resistance layer has an electrical resistance so that carriers in the organic semiconductor layer are allowed to tunnel through the second resistance layer when a voltage of a predetermined value or more than the predetermined  
20 value is applied across the second resistance layer.

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13. The semiconductor device as claimed in

claim 11, wherein a substrate is beneath the first resistance layer.

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14. A semiconductor device, comprising:
- a gate electrode;
  - an insulating layer on the gate electrode;
  - 10 a first resistance layer on the insulating layer;
  - an organic semiconductor layer on the first resistance layer;
  - a first electrode on the organic
  - 15 semiconductor layer; and
  - a second electrode on the organic semiconductor layer at an interval with the first electrode,
- wherein the first resistance layer has an
- 20 electrical resistance lower than an electrical resistance of the organic semiconductor layer.

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15. The semiconductor device as claimed in claim 14, wherein two opposite ends of the first resistance layer are covered by the organic semiconductor layer.

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16. The semiconductor device as claimed in claim 14, further comprising a second resistance layer formed at least at one of the position between the first resistance layer and the organic semiconductor layer, the position between the first electrode and the organic semiconductor layer, and the position between the second electrode and the organic semiconductor layer,

wherein the second resistance layer has an electrical resistance so that carriers in the organic semiconductor layer are allowed to tunnel through the second resistance layer when a voltage of a predetermined value or more than the predetermined value is applied across the second resistance layer.

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17. The semiconductor device as claimed in claim 14, wherein a substrate is beneath the gate electrode.

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18. The semiconductor device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the organic semiconductor layer is formed from

at least one organic material selected from the group consisting of poly(N-vinylcarbazole) derivatives, poly( $\gamma$ -(carbazolyethyl)glutamate) derivatives, poly(vinylphenanthrene) derivatives, polysilane derivatives, oxazole derivatives, oxadiazole derivatives, imidazole derivatives, arylamine derivatives such as monoarylamine derivatives and triarylamine derivatives, benzidine derivatives, diarylmethane derivatives, triarylmethane derivatives, styrylanthracene derivatives, pyrazoline derivatives, divinylbenzene derivatives, hydrazone derivatives, indene derivatives, indenone derivatives, butadiene derivatives, pyrene derivatives such as pyrene-folmaldehyde and poly(vinylpyrene), stilbene

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derivatives such as  $\alpha$ -phenylstilbene derivatives, and  
bis-stilbene derivatives, enamine derivatives,  
fluorenone and derivatives thereof, poly(fluorenone)  
and derivatives thereof, and thiophene derivatives such  
5 as poly(alkylthiophene), or

at least one organic material selected from  
the group consisting of pentacene, tetracene, bis-azo  
pigments, tris-azo pigments, poly-azo pigments,  
triarylmethane-based pigments, thiazine-based pigments,  
10 oxazine-based pigments, xanthene-based pigments,  
cyanine pigments, styryl pigments, pyrylium-based  
pigments, quinacridone-based pigments, indigo-based  
pigments, perylene-based pigments, polycyclic quinone-  
based pigments, bis(benzimidazole)-based pigments,  
15 indanthrone-based pigments, squarylium-based pigments,  
anthraquinone-based pigments, and phthalocyanine-based  
pigments such as copper phthalocyanine and  
titanylphthalocyanine.

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19. The semiconductor device as claimed in  
claim 1, wherein the first resistance layer is formed  
25 from at least one electrically conductive material of

polyacetylene-based electrically conductive polymers,  
polyphenylene-based electrically conductive polymers  
such as poly(para-phenylene) and derivatives thereof  
and poly(phenylene vinylene) and derivatives thereof,  
5 heterocyclic electrically conductive polymers such as  
polypyrrole and derivatives thereof, polythiophene and  
derivatives thereof, poly(ethylenedioxythiophene) and  
derivatives thereof, and polyfuran and derivatives  
thereof, ionic electrically conductive polymers such as  
10 polyaniline and derivatives thereof, and metals of  
chromium (Cr), tantalum (Ta), titanium (Ti), copper  
(Cu), aluminum (Al), molybdenum (Mo), tungsten (W),  
nickel (Ni), gold (Au), palladium (Pd), platinum (Pt),  
silver (Ag), and tin (Sn).

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20. The semiconductor device as claimed in  
20 claim 1, wherein the first resistance layer comprises  
at least one dopant with a low vapor pressure including  
one or more of poly(sulfonic acid),  
poly(styrenesulfonic acid), naphthalenesulfonic acid,  
and alkylnaphthalenesulfonic acid.

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21. The semiconductor device as claimed in  
5 claim 1, wherein each of the first electrode, the  
second electrode, and the gate electrode is formed from  
at least one of chromium (Cr), tantalum (Ta),  
titanium (Ti), copper (Cu), aluminum (Al), molybdenum  
(Mo), tungsten (W), nickel (Ni), gold (Au), palladium  
10 (Pd), platinum (Pt), silver (Ag), and tin (Sn), or  
at least one electrically conductive polymer  
of polyacetylene-based electrically conductive polymers,  
polyphenylene-based electrically conductive polymers  
such as poly(para-phenylene) and derivatives thereof  
15 and poly(phenylene vinylene) and derivatives thereof,  
heterocyclic electrically conductive polymers such as  
polypyrrole and derivatives thereof, polythiophene and  
derivatives thereof, poly(ethylenedioxythiophene) and  
derivatives thereof, and polyfuran and derivatives  
20 thereof, and ionic electrically conductive polymers  
such as polyaniline and derivatives thereof.

22. The semiconductor device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the insulating layer is formed from at least one resin selected from the group consisting of thermoplastic resins such as styrene-based polymers such as copoly(styrene/butadiene), copoly(styrene/acrylonitrile), terpoly(styrene/acrylonitrile/butadiene), copoly(styrene/maleic acid), and copoly(styrene/acrylic acid), polyethylene-based resins such as copoly(ethylene/vinyl acetate), and chlorinated polyethylenes, polypropylene, vinyl chloride-based resins such as copoly(vinyl chloride/vinyl acetate), polyester alkyd resins, polyamides, polyurethanes, polycarbonates, polyallylates, polysulfones, diallyl phthalate resin, poly(vinylbutyral) resin, polyether resins, polyester resins, acrylic resin, silicone resin, epoxy resins, phenolic resin, urea resin, melamine resin, fluorocarbon resins such as PFA, PTFE, and PVDF, Parylene resin, polyimide resins, and photo-setting resins such as epoxyacrylates and urethane acrylates, or

a metal oxide produced via oxidation of a surface of an electrode layer formed from the metal.

23. The semiconductor device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the insulating layer is formed from at least a metal oxide film produced by coating and baking a solution obtained via hydrolysis of a metal alkoxide represented by one of the general formulas  $M(OR)_n$  and  $MR(OR')_{n-1}$ , wherein each of R and R' is an organic group such as an alkyl group and a phenyl group, M is a metal in one of IVA through VIIA groups, VIII group, and IB through VIB groups of the periodic table, and n is an ionic valence of the metal M.

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24. The semiconductor device as claimed in claim 4, wherein the second resistance layer is formed from at least one resin selected from the group consisting of thermoplastic resins such as styrene-based polymers such as copoly(styrene/butadiene), copoly(styrene/acrylonitrile), terpoly(styrene/acrylonitrile/butadiene), copoly(styrene/maleic acid), and copoly(styrene/acrylic acid), polyethylene-based resins such as

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copoly(ethylene/vinyl acetate), and chlorinated polyethylenes, polypropylene, vinyl chloride-based resins such as copoly(vinyl chloride/vinyl acetate), polyester alkyd resins, polyamides, polyurethanes, 5 polycarbonates, polyallylates, polysulfones, diallyl phthalate resin, poly(vinylbutyral) resin, polyether resins, polyester resins, acrylic resin, silicone resin, epoxy resins, phenolic resin, urea resin, melamine resin, fluorocarbon resins such as PFA, PTFE, and PVDF, 10 Parylene resin, polyimide resins, and photo-setting resins such as epoxyacrylates and urethane acrylates, or

a metal oxide produced via oxidation of a surface of at least one of the first electrode and the 15 second electrode.

20 25. The semiconductor device as claimed in claim 4, wherein the second resistance layer is formed from at least a metal oxide film produced by coating and baking a solution obtained via hydrolysis of a metal alkoxide represented by one of the general 25 formulas  $M(OR)_n$  and  $MR(OR')_{n-1}$ , wherein each of R and R'



is an organic group such as an alkyl group and a phenyl group, M is a metal in one of IVA through VIIA groups, VIII group, and IB through VIB groups of the periodic table, and n is an ionic valence of the metal M.

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26. The semiconductor device as claimed in  
10 claim 1, further comprising:

a first power supply conducting a current  
between the first electrode and the second electrode;  
and

a second power supply applying a voltage to  
15 the gate electrode.

20 27. An electroluminescent display device,  
comprising a plurality of semiconductor devices, each  
semiconductor device including:

a gate electrode;  
an insulating layer on the gate electrode;  
25 a first electrode on the insulating layer;

a second electrode on the insulating layer  
at an interval with the first electrode;

an organic semiconductor layer disposed in  
the interval between the first electrode and the second  
5 electrode and covering at least part of the first  
electrode and the second electrode; and

a first resistance layer formed on the  
organic semiconductor layer and having an electrical  
resistance lower than an electrical resistance of the  
10 organic semiconductor layer.

15 28. An electroluminescent display device  
including a plurality of semiconductor devices and a  
plurality of light emitting elements arranged in a  
matrix manner on a substrate,

each of the semiconductor devices  
20 comprising:

a gate electrode on the substrate;

an insulating layer covering ends and a  
surface of the gate electrode;

a first electrode on the insulating layer;

25 a second electrode on the insulating layer

at an interval with the first electrode;

an organic semiconductor layer disposed in the interval between the first electrode and the second electrode and covering at least part of the first

5 electrode and the second electrode; and

a first resistance layer formed on the organic semiconductor layer and having an electrical resistance lower than an electrical resistance of the organic semiconductor layer,

10 the light emitting element comprising:

a transparent electrode on the substrate;

an electroluminescent layer on the transparent electrode; and

a cathode on the electroluminescent layer,

15 wherein the first electrode is electrically connected with the transparent electrode.

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29. A liquid crystal display device, comprising a semiconductor device including:

a gate electrode;

an insulating layer on the gate electrode;

25 a first electrode on the insulating layer;

a second electrode on the insulating layer  
at an interval with the first electrode;

an organic semiconductor layer disposed in  
the interval between the first electrode and the second  
5 electrode and covering at least part of the first  
electrode and the second electrode; and

a first resistance layer formed on the  
organic semiconductor layer and having an electrical  
resistance lower than an electrical resistance of the  
10 organic semiconductor layer.

15 30. A calculating device, comprising at  
least one of a NOT circuit, a NAND circuit, and a NOR  
circuit each including a plurality of semiconductor  
devices,

each of the semiconductor devices including:  
20 a gate electrode;  
an insulating layer on the gate electrode;  
a first electrode on the insulating layer;  
a second electrode on the insulating layer  
at an interval with the first electrode;

25 an organic semiconductor layer disposed in

the interval between the first electrode and the second electrode and covering at least part of the first electrode and the second electrode; and

a first resistance layer formed on the  
5 organic semiconductor layer and having an electrical resistance lower than an electrical resistance of the organic semiconductor layer.

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31. The semiconductor device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the organic semiconductor layer includes a dielectric material.

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32. The semiconductor device as claimed in  
20 claim 31, wherein the dielectric material is selected from

styrene-based polymers such as  
copoly(styrene/butadiene),  
copoly(styrene/acrylonitrile),  
25 terpoly(styrene/acrylonitrile/butadiene),

copoly(styrene/maleic acid), and copoly(styrene/acrylic acid), polyethylene-based resins such as copoly(ethylene/vinyl acetate), and chlorinated polyethylenes, polypropylene, vinyl chloride-based resins such as copoly(vinyl chloride/vinyl acetate), polyester alkyd resins, polyamides, polyurethanes, polycarbonates, polyallylates, polysulfones, diallyl phthalate resin, poly(vinylbutyral) resin, polyether resins, polyester resins, acrylic resin, silicone resin, epoxy resins, phenolic resin, urea resin, melamine resin, fluorocarbon resins such as PFA, PTFE, and PVDF, Parylene resin, polyimide resins, and photo-setting resins such as epoxyacrylates and urethane acrylates,

a metal oxide film produced by baking a solution obtained via hydrolysis of a metal alkoxide represented by one of the general formulas  $M(OR)_n$  and  $MR(OR')_{n-1}$ , in which each of R and R' is an organic group such as an alkyl group and a phenyl group, M is a metal in one of IVA through VIIA groups, VIII group, and IB through VIB groups of the periodic table, and n is an ionic valence of the metal M,

an oxide of one of Al, Ta, and W, Si, and a nitride of Si.